

Calvary Lutheran Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship for May 11, 2025

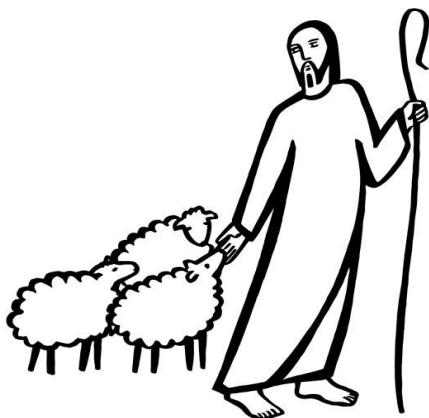
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Growing in compassionate relationships, faith, service, and generosity through Christ

Welcome to Calvary! All are welcome in this community through the grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. We hope that you will find joy and peace as you worship with us.

- Check out our **welcome center** in the lobby (narthex) for information about our congregation.
- Children and parents are invited to use our **children's resource center** located in the lobby.
- To find our **nursery**, exit the worship center (sanctuary), turn right. Go to the end of the hall and turn left. Follow the signs to our nursery.
- **If you are a guest with us today**, please fill out a visitor card found in the pews.



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

GATHERING

(Please enter the sanctuary in quiet reverence and prepare your heart for worship as you listen to the Prelude.)

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**PRELUDE****Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing****Arr. Wood****WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****OPENING HYMN*****Lord of Light****ELW 688****THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM*****P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.**C** Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**P** In the name of  the One who was, who is, and who is to come.**C** Amen.**P** Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.**P** We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,**C** make us one as you are one.**P** We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,**C** make us one as you are one.**P** Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.**C** Amen.

*Please stand in body or in spirit at these places in the service.

GREETING*

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS *We wait for God to speak to us in and through His word.*

L Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (continued)

L Psalm 23 (continued)

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Gospel according to John 10:22-30*

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME *All children are invited to come forward to talk about the day's scripture.*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH *All children are invited to go to the parlor for an activity focused on today's Gospel.*

SERMON

Pastor Frantisek

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***Apostles' Creed**

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Silence for reflection.

After each petition:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude

A We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

MEAL

We are fed in our life of faith at the Lord's table.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *We have heard that God has loved us again and again through faith in Christ. This message brings us peace and gives us peace to share. We turn to those around us and offer them peace.*

OFFERING

- *The offering is an act of worship where we respond to God's goodness in our lives by returning to God a portion of what he has first entrusted to us.*
- *Thank you for your worship of God through sharing your time, talents, and finances.*
- *If you would like to share a financial offering by credit card, you may do so by scanning the QR code.*



ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd

Text: Psalm 23/Music: Pote

The Lord is my shepherd nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie and fields of green, leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life. Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will come comfort me. The Lord is my shepherd nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie and fields of green, leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life. Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and in the house of my God I will live forever. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C OFFERING SONG *

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Hymn 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER*

A Risen One,

C you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

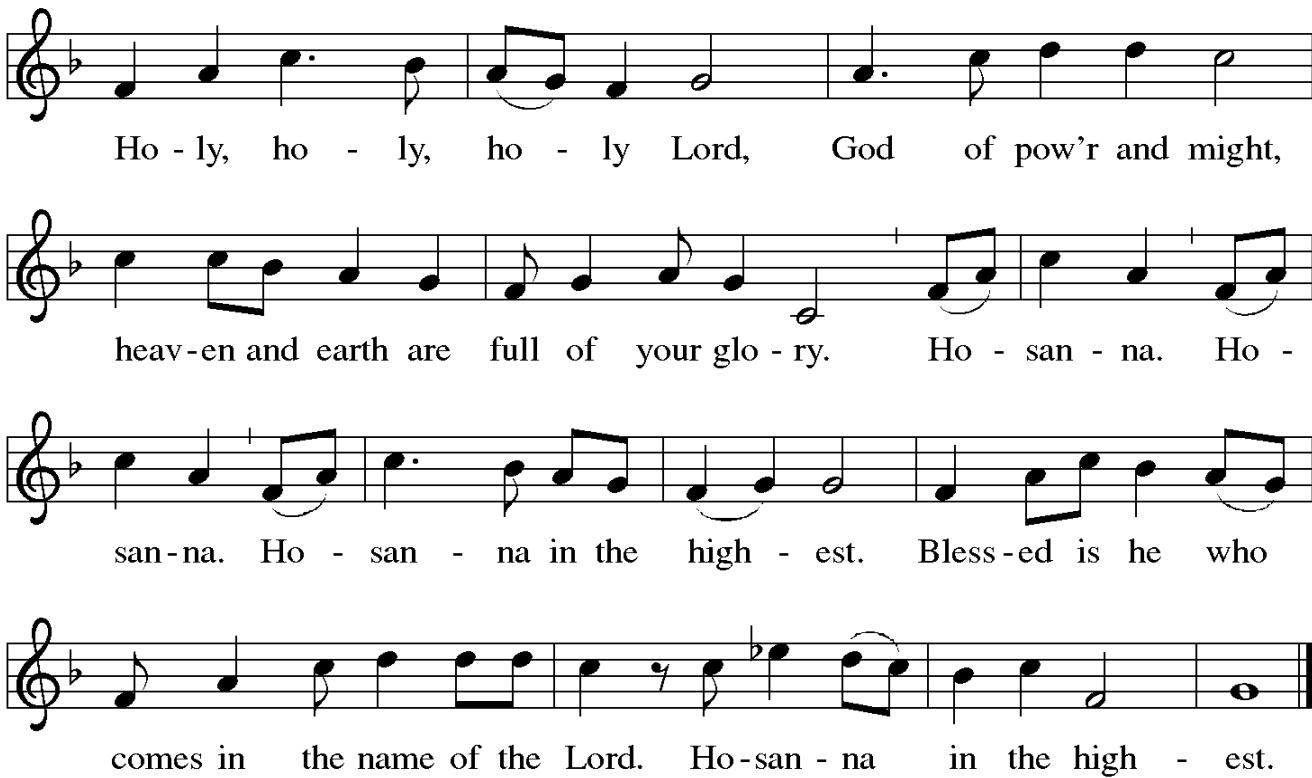
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON—LED BY THE PASTOR*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

THE LORD'S PRAYER*

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION*

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *Please be seated.*

- *We invite those worshipping online to join us in Holy Communion as we share in the one body of Christ this morning.*
- *For those worshipping in person, you may receive communion by coming to the altar or by standing at your seat.*
- *When communing, you may choose either the prepackaged bread and grape juice or the wafer and wine in individual cups.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

P Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen.

SENDING

We are sent into the world to share the love and welcome of God.

BENEDICTION*

P The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, \pm Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

DISMISSAL*

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

March

Handel

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Serving in Worship

Worship Volunteer	May 11th	May 18th
Worship Assistant	Marion Bish	Ken Glace
Lector	Frank Lubich	Vivian Howard
Communion Assistants	Phyllis Jessup Beth Myers	Raina Meyer
Ushers	Polly and Bo Saatzer	Polly and Bo Saatzer
Altar Guild	Raina and Susan Meyer	Raina and Susan Meyer
Children's Church	Cathleen Bates	Lisa Hunkel
Nursery	Lisa Hunkel	Kelley Poulos
CPOM	Raina Meyer	Raina Meyer
Tellers	Doris Hatley Susan Meyer Nancy Haney	Terry Ramseur Glen Rediehs Nancy Haney



THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by Sue Blackshear to the glory of God and in honor and memory of moms everywhere.

(If you would like to contribute altar flowers for Sunday worship, please see the bulletin board outside the choir room the calendar of available dates and an order form or call our office administrator.)

Use this QR code to access this week's E news.

Please remember your church in your will. See Pastor Frantisek or any council member to assist you in this process.



Prayer requests will remain on the current list for four weeks. Please call the church office if you would like to add a name or resubmit a name for another four weeks.

Week of May 11th

- Kyle Pearce (healing)
- Nancy Haney (healing following a hospital visit)
- Rylan Massey (healing) – grandson of Sheldon Parks

Week of 2:

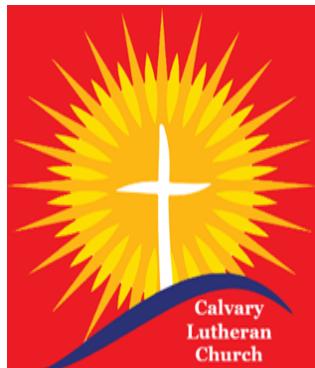
- Mike Remkus (healing)
- Dennis Moretz (healing) - brother of Phyllis Remkus
- Debbie Stopko-Korhut and Jodi Korhut—friends of Kathi Hissong

Week 3:

- Our condolences to the family of Dorothy **Elaine** Blackwelder at her death on April 17th.
- Pam Varnadore (healing) - sister of Cathy Steere

Week 4:

- Martha Hatley (healing following a hospital visit)



SAVE THE DATE! Pastor Frantisek's Installation Service

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Starting at 4:00 pm

**In the sanctuary and online at [youtube.com/
@calvarylutheran4762](https://youtube.com/@calvarylutheran4762)**

WELCA Mother's Day Remembrance

Given by:

Audrey Benson

In Honor of: Phyllis Remkus and Cindy Benson
In Memory of: Mary Moretz and Elaine Schmidt

Josh, Graham and Dan Boone

In Honor of: Teena Boone
In Memory of: Reba McEachern and Daisy Boone

Jo Ann Carlson

In Memory of: My mother, Amy Christine Johnson

Jeff and Keitt Courtney

In Memory of: Shirley Jean Courtney

Steve and Cathy DuPont

In Honor of: Arlette DuPont, Lauren DuPont, Allison Ferrer, and Anna DuPont
In Memory of: Helen Halbert

Gary and Deb Fritz

In Honor of: All mothers
In Memory of: Maxine Hatley, Tamara H. Twiggs, JEllen Hatley, Ora Hatley
Jean Fritz, Ruth Ann Fritz, and Sue Fritz Alderman

Bryan Gabriel

In Honor of: Elizabeth Tennent, Kim Le, and Meredith Tennent
In Memory of: Gayle Gabriel, Jean Gabriel, and Anne Tennent

Sandy and Kevin Gehl

In Honor of: Shirley Gehl, Debbie Peyrot, Betty Frye, Gerry Gehl,
Laurie Wolfram, and Linda Way
In Memory of: Susie James (Sandy's twin), Virginia Mc Call (Sandy's mother),
and Natalie James (Sandy's Godchild)

In Loving Honor /In Loving Memory of:

WELCA Mother's Day Remembrance

Given by:

Donna Gray

In Honor of:

Mandy Hagee

In Memory of:

Doris Tarlton, Margaret Tarlton, Lala Ritchie, and Kay Newton

Doris and Danny Hatley

In Honor of:

Jane Bost

In Memory of:

Ann Love and Mary Alice Hatley

Sally Hollick

In Memory of:

Ruby Harman, Doris Hollick, Colleen Jones, Mary Clark, and
Minnie Hanna

Anne Hough

In Honor of:

My daughter, Daphne L. Rankin

Friends: Phyllis Jessup, Nancy Faggart, Jean Smith, and
Elizabeth Hurley

In Memory of:

My mother, Viola Cochran Suther

Phyllis Jessup

In Honor of:

Emily Jessup and Stephanie Jessup

In Memory of:

Ruth Stephens

Susan Meyer

In Honor of:

Raina Meyer

Susan and Raina Meyer

In Honor of:

Barbara Clavens, Judi Meyer, Jenna Clavens, Bethany Mills,
Angela Meyer, Chloe Jones, Debbie Fritz, Bette Blume, and
Nancy Haney

Susan and Raina Meyer

In Memory of:

Marge Meyer, Mildred Staton, Edith Altenburg, Mildred Caulfield,
Anna Meyer, Marilyn Cutler, and Iris Arey

WELCA Mother's Day Remembrance

Given by:

Beth Ramseur Myers

In Honor of: Mary Milikin, Terry Ramseur, Judy Cranford, and Kathy Harwood

In Memory of: Katherine Montgomery, Helen Turner, Agnes Atwell, Myra Myers, and Diane Ramseur

Gary Norris

In Honor of: Susan Norris

In Memory of: AnnaBelle Norris

Mike and Phyllis Remkus

In Honor of: Audrey Benson, Lois Walker, and Phyllis Remkus

In Memory of: Ruby Remkus and Mary Moretz

Brad and Kathy Schiele

In Honor of: Valerie Schiele, Cassie Schiele, Becky Overcash, and LaRaine Marino

In Memory of: Katherine Lentz, Dorothy Schiele, and Susan Schiele

Jan and Harold Smith

In Honor of: Martha Dayvault, Jane Bost, Bette Blume, Ashley Shull, Meredith Smith, Lydia Smith, Lauren Smith, and Florence Smith

In Memory of: Mary Kimball, Della Dayvault, Joyce Williams, Frances Kimball, Broadus Kimball, and Sakae Smith

Cathy Steere

In Honor of: Martha Hatley

Jason VanDewark, Carly V. Sholar, and Alison VanDewark

In Honor of: Jo Ann Carlson and Amy VanDewark

In Memory of: Amy Cedar Johnson and Nancy Stewart VanDewark

Ron Young

In Memory of: Bertha Beatrice Waldrop Young

In Loving Honor /In Loving Memory of: